

May 18, 2004

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W., TW-A325  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: *Ex Parte* Notice**

**In the Matter of Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service Recommendation  
Concerning the Commission's Rules Relating to High-Cost Universal Service  
Support and the ETC Designation Process, CC Docket No. 96-45**

**In the Matter of IP-Enabled Services, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, WC Docket  
No. 04-36**

**In the Matter of Developing a Unified Inter-carrier Compensation Regime, CC  
Docket No. 01-92**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Monday, May 17, 2004, on behalf of the National Telecommunications Cooperative Association (NTCA) and the Iowa Telecommunications Association (ITA), Dave Duncan, President of ITA, Stefani Millie, ITA's Director of Government Relations, Justyn Miller, General Manager of Kanola Cooperative Telephone Company, Terry Wegener, General Manager of Winnebago Cooperative Telephone Association, Ronald Lauder, CEO of OmniTel Communications, and I met with Scott Bergmann, Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein's Legal Advisor for Wireline Issues. We discussed NTCA's positions as previously filed in the above-referenced proceedings.

In accordance with the Commission's rules, an original and two copies of this letter are being filed with the Secretary's Office. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 703-351-2016.

Sincerely,

/s/ Daniel Mitchell  
Daniel Mitchell  
Senior Regulatory Counsel  
Legal and Industry

cc: Scott Bergmann